MISSOURI AREA LABOR TRENDS

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

INCLUDES CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES FOR AREAS PLUS LABOR MARKET REVIEWS FOR THE STATE AND THE ST. LOUIS, KANSAS CITY, AND SPRINGFIELD/JOPLIN MSA'S

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Missouri Labor Market Review

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Data Month: December, 1985

Labor market conditions in Missouri remained comparatively stable in December, with employment declining somewhat and unemployment edging up seasonally. Unemployment has been increasing since reaching its seasonal low in September, while the seasonal peak of employment occurred in October.

Total employment decreased by about 16,400 from November to 2,327,500, while unemployment increased by 3300 to 152,900. The unemployment rate edged up to 6.2 percent from 6 percent in November, having bottomed out at 5.7 percent in September.

Nonfarm payroll employment also decreased seasonally in December, dropping by 4800 jobs to 2,039,300. A seasonal drop in construction employment was primarily responsible.

Compared to a year ago, total employment is up by 114,000, while unemployment is down by about 15,000. The December 1984 unemployment rate was 7 percent.

Preliminary annual average data show about 84,000 more Missourians employed on average in 1985 than in 1984, while the jobless average fell by 8000. The average unemployment rate for 1985 was 6.7 percent, compared to 7.2 percent in 1984. This makes 1985 the first year since 1979 with an average unemployment rate below 7 percent.

National Economic and Labor Market Conditions

National employment continued to grow in December. The number of civilian jobholders climbed to 108.2 million,

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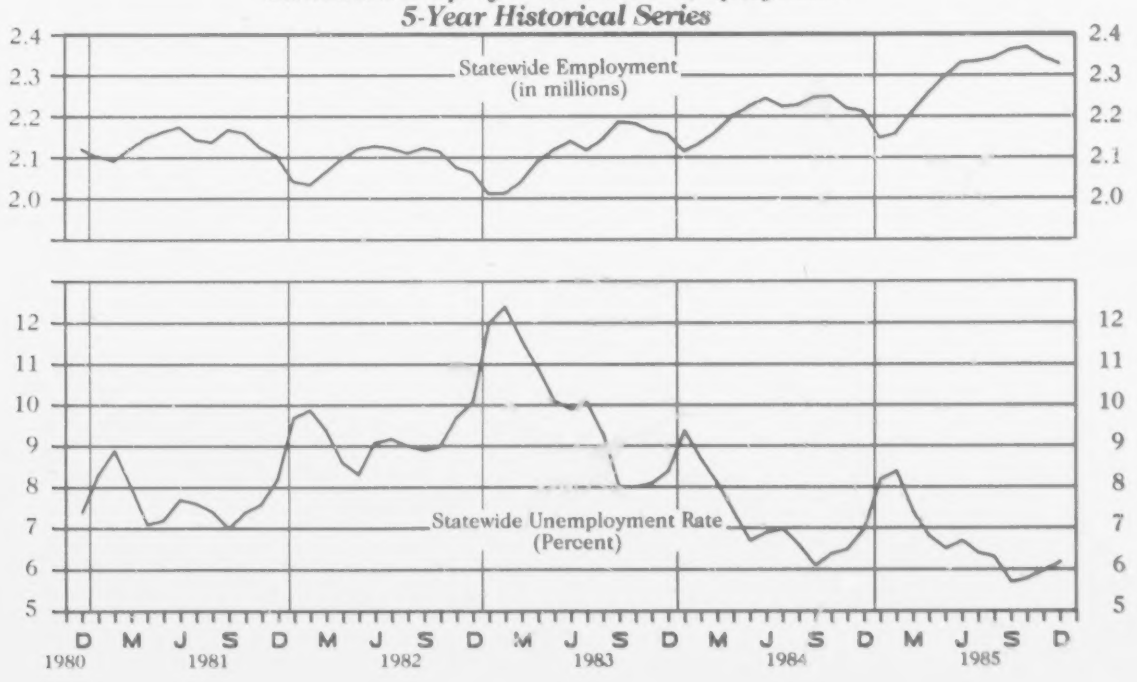

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COUNTY/LABOR MARKET AREA	CURRENT MONTH - DEC 1985 (PRELIMINARY)				PREVIOUS MONTH - NOV 1985 (REVISED)				ONE YEAR AGO - DEC 1984 (BENCHMARKED 1984)			
	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
STATEWIDE	2480397	2327525	152872	6.2	2493466	2343890	149576	6.0	2381218	2213402	167816	7.0
ST. LOUIS MSA	1199054	1118149	80905	6.7	1200393	1115407	84986	7.1	1177235	1090961	86274	7.3
KANSAS CITY MSA	761108	723527	37581	4.9	763381	726278	37103	4.9	742610	703280	39330	5.3
SPRINGFIELD MSA	121757	115997	5760	4.7	121961	116413	5548	4.5	118540	112367	6173	5.2
COLUMBIA MSA	64416	61969	2447	3.8	65346	62764	2582	4.0	60354	58102	2252	3.7
JOPLIN MSA	64719	61013	3706	5.7	65076	61395	3681	5.7	59135	55198	3937	6.7
ST. JOSEPH MSA	41055	38282	2773	6.8	40521	37870	2651	6.5	42946	39326	3620	8.4
ADAIR/SCHUYLER LMA	16256	15347	909	5.6	16551	15763	788	4.8	15938	14896	1042	6.5
ANDREW	6600	6205	395	6.0	6780	6411	369	5.4	6047	5610	437	7.2
ATCHISON	4105	3925	180	4.4	4210	4024	186	4.4	4013	3743	270	6.7
AUDRAIN	11379	10640	739	6.5	11636	10951	685	5.9	11079	10154	925	8.3
BARRY	12780	11970	810	6.3	12818	12036	782	6.1	11361	10650	711	6.3
BARTON	5137	4906	231	4.5	5240	5042	198	3.8	4894	4656	238	4.9
BATES	7799	7310	489	6.3	7915	7488	427	5.4	7378	6942	436	5.9
BENTON	5536	4940	596	10.8	5693	5213	480	8.4	5469	4964	505	9.2
BOLLINGER	3028	2596	432	14.3	2939	2573	366	12.5	2994	2575	419	14.0
BUTLER	17725	16230	1495	8.4	17966	16542	1424	7.9	16898	15211	1687	10.0
CALDWELL	3603	3571	232	6.1	3622	3378	244	6.7	3499	3283	216	6.2
CALLAWAY	18918	17913	1005	5.3	19097	18093	1004	5.3	18143	16826	1317	7.3
CAMDEN	14734	13656	1128	7.6	15474	14514	960	6.2	12148	10914	1234	10.2
CAPE GIRARDEAU	35211	33784	1427	4.1	35194	33780	1414	4.0	31441	29785	1656	5.3
CARROLL	4799	4348	451	9.4	4737	4410	327	6.9	4469	4182	287	6.4
CARTER	2935	2546	389	13.3	2804	2444	360	12.8	2647	2237	410	15.5
CEDAR	4610	4255	355	7.7	4676	4385	291	6.2	4310	3950	360	8.4
CHARITON	5056	4673	383	7.6	5178	4791	387	7.5	4817	4451	366	7.6
CLARK	3532	3307	225	6.4	3622	3406	216	6.0	3239	2868	371	11.5
CLINTON	7393	6921	472	6.4	7494	7069	425	5.7	7126	6598	528	7.4
COLE/OSAGE LMA	40005	38037	1968	4.9	40654	38553	2101	5.2	37258	34958	2300	6.2
COOPER	7363	6763	600	8.1	7403	6902	501	6.8	6900	6098	802	11.6
CRAWFORD	7717	7040	677	8.8	7985	7346	639	8.0	7131	6385	746	10.5
DADE	3787	3592	195	5.1	3870	3689	181	4.7	3693	3516	177	4.8
DALLAS	5012	4597	415	8.3	5095	4707	388	7.6	4702	4148	554	11.8
DAVIESS	3069	2862	207	6.7	3227	3020	207	6.4	2916	2708	208	7.1
DEKALB	3811	3509	302	7.9	3852	3608	244	6.3	3478	3204	274	7.9
DENT	6056	5525	531	8.8	6180	5563	617	10.0	6080	5418	662	10.9
DOUGLAS	4656	4146	510	11.0	4745	4245	500	10.5	4444	3755	689	15.5
DUNKLIN	13454	12088	1366	10.2	13535	12304	1231	9.1	12832	11187	1645	12.8
GASCONADE	7544	7213	331	4.4	7692	7352	340	4.4	6937	6501	436	6.3
GENTRY	3849	3683	166	4.3	3981	3826	155	3.9	3865	3700	165	4.3
GRUNDY	5283	4967	316	6.0	5471	5141	330	6.0	5134	4757	377	7.3
HARRISON	5404	4981	423	7.8	5402	5125	277	5.1	4786	4561	225	4.7
HENRY	10124	9314	810	8.0	10125	9446	679	6.7	9620	8879	741	7.7
HICKORY	2794	2572	222	7.9	2890	2707	183	6.3	2439	2225	214	8.8
HOLT	3310	3170	140	4.2	3504	3337	167	4.8	3218	3037	181	5.6
HOWARD	4830	4515	315	6.5	4985	4703	282	5.7	4516	4116	400	8.9
HOWELL	13642	12495	1147	8.4	13748	12655	1093	8.0	13321	12117	1204	9.0
IRON	3724	3278	446	12.0	3682	3227	455	12.4	4408	3571	837	19.0
JOHNSON	17730	16960	770	4.3	17679	16971	708	4.0	16458	15816	642	3.9
KNOX	2352	2172	180	7.7	2394	2239	155	6.5	2276	2109	167	7.3
LACLEDE	12353	11216	1137	9.2	12597	11497	1100	8.7	11493	9577	1921	16.7
LAWRENCE	13476	12642	834	6.2	13522	12707	815	6.0	12176	11241	935	7.7

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	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
LEWIS	5991	5506	485	8.1	6038	5536	502	8.3	5515	5095	420	7.6
LINCOLN	11509	10712	877	7.6	11566	10751	815	7.0	10376	9527	849	8.2
LINN	7845	7255	590	7.5	7942	7291	651	8.2	7460	6769	691	9.3
LIVINGSTON	6943	6486	457	6.6	7045	6632	413	5.9	6616	6115	501	7.6
MACON	7319	6704	615	8.4	7335	6797	538	7.3	6903	6457	446	6.5
MADISON	3967	3512	455	11.5	3968	3573	395	10.0	3819	3415	404	10.6
MARIES	3257	2982	275	8.4	3234	2989	245	7.6	2509	2269	240	9.6
MARION/RALLS LMA	18739	17329	1410	7.5	19018	17626	1392	7.3	17884	16521	1363	7.6
MCDONALD	5741	5302	43	7.6	5909	5405	504	8.5	5423	5003	420	7.7
MERCER	1619	1538	8	5.0	1698	1595	103	6.1	1661	1551	110	6.6
MILLER	11224	9957	1267	11.3	11419	10380	1039	9.1	10039	8649	1440	14.3
MISSISSIPPI	6983	6189	794	11.4	7229	6547	682	9.4	6303	5550	753	11.9
MONITEAU	5083	4350	733	14.4	5257	4563	694	13.2	4704	4005	699	14.9
MONROE	4817	4508	309	6.4	4858	4593	265	5.5	4418	4131	287	6.5
MONTGOMERY	5287	4870	417	7.9	5265	4855	410	7.8	5131	4672	459	8.9
MORGAN	5896	5158	738	12.5	6006	5353	653	10.9	5506	4802	704	12.8
NEW MADRID	11951	10949	1002	8.4	12072	11177	895	7.4	11069	10005	1064	9.6
NODAWAY	11346	10802	544	4.8	11613	11083	535	4.6	10493	10047	446	4.3
OREGON	3130	2725	405	12.9	2987	2705	282	9.4	3134	2680	454	14.5
OZARK	3928	3646	282	7.2	4199	3942	257	6.1	3949	3547	402	10.2
PEMISCOT	8631	7862	769	8.9	8651	7966	685	7.9	8083	7217	866	10.7
PERRY	7505	7107	398	5.3	7653	7213	440	5.7	6933	6421	512	7.4
PETTIS	18423	17078	1345	7.3	18791	17554	1237	6.6	16212	14956	1256	7.7
PHELPS	16517	15544	973	5.9	16909	15901	1008	6.0	15743	14713	1030	6.5
PIKE	7254	6630	624	8.6	7285	6725	560	7.7	6797	6074	723	10.6
POLK	9742	9133	609	6.3	9816	9253	563	5.7	9015	8353	662	7.3
PULASKI	9874	9114	760	7.7	10239	9527	712	7.0	8957	7887	1070	11.9
PUTNAM	2753	2596	157	5.7	2852	2717	135	4.7	2834	2626	208	7.3
RANDOLPH	12587	11727	860	6.8	12743	11894	849	6.7	11451	10642	809	7.1
REYNOLDS	2199	1856	343	15.6	2250	1889	361	16.0	2237	1874	363	16.2
RIPLEY	3637	3259	378	10.4	3699	3318	381	10.3	3259	2904	355	10.9
SALINE	14603	13803	800	5.5	14908	14064	844	5.7	13590	12859	731	5.4
SCOTLAND	2398	2240	158	6.6	2454	2326	128	5.2	2290	2145	145	6.3
SCOTT	17969	16525	1444	8.0	18099	16697	1402	7.7	16961	15357	1604	9.5
SHANNON	2586	2126	460	17.8	2729	2207	522	19.1	3052	2529	523	17.1
SHELBY	3345	3132	213	6.4	3470	3265	205	5.9	3092	2905	187	6.0
ST. CLAIR	3823	3616	207	5.4	3907	3712	195	5.0	3660	3392	268	7.3
ST. FRANCOIS	20589	18703	1801	8.8	20502	18718	1784	8.7	19770	17619	2151	10.9
STE. GENEVIEVE	6515	6106	409	6.3	6598	6100	498	7.5	5616	5150	466	8.3
STODDARD	13878	12667	1211	8.7	13768	12744	1024	7.4	12572	11350	1222	9.7
STONE	8057	6766	1291	16.0	8270	7164	1106	13.4	7002	5688	1314	18.8
SULLIVAN	3437	3229	208	6.1	3543	3332	211	6.0	3246	3033	213	6.6
TANEY	14445	12616	1829	12.7	15891	14349	1542	9.7	13603	11587	2016	14.8
TEXAS	7990	7093	897	11.2	8032	7103	929	11.6	8154	6575	1579	19.4
VERNON	10068	9529	569	5.6	10249	9751	498	4.9	9294	8769	525	5.6
WARREN	7763	7283	480	6.2	7787	7301	486	6.2	6588	6092	496	7.5
WASHINGTON	4835	4036	849	17.4	4915	4142	773	15.7	4539	3654	885	19.5
WAYNE	4418	3830	588	13.3	4461	3953	508	11.4	4320	3638	682	15.8
WEBSTER	8868	8037	831	9.4	8851	8102	749	8.5	7710	6491	1219	15.8
WORTH	1218	1143	75	6.2	1269	1184	85	6.7	1047	959	88	8.4
WRIGHT	7606	6985	621	8.2	7683	7164	519	6.8	7167	6392	775	10.8

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Table 2. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment, Hours and Earnings
Missouri (Statewide)
December, 1985

Industry Title	All Employees (In Thousands)			Production Workers: Average Weekly Earnings			Production Workers: Average Weekly Hours			Production Workers: Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Total Non-Agri. Employment	2039.3	2044.1	2042.8									
Total Manufacturing	426.5	425.6	433.0	INA	INA	395.38	INA	INA	41.1	INA	INA	9.62
Durable Goods	244.0	242.2	249.0	INA	INA	440.96	INA	INA	42.4	INA	INA	10.40
Lumber & Wood Products	10.5	10.5	10.7	233.93	247.83	243.66	38.1	39.4	39.3	6.14	6.29	6.20
Furniture & Fixtures	11.1	11.1	11.2	328.54	310.50	333.61	43.4	41.4	44.9	7.57	7.50	7.43
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	10.2	10.4	11.0	424.73	413.04	415.14	40.8	39.3	40.7	10.41	10.51	10.20
Cement, Hydraulic	0.9	0.9	1.0	540.36	538.99	538.60	39.5	39.4	39.4	13.68	13.68	13.67
Structural Clay Prod.	2.1	2.1	2.3	464.01	462.72	443.48	38.7	38.4	38.8	11.99	12.05	11.43
Primary Metal Industries	12.6	12.4	13.7	460.32	448.93	433.60	42.0	41.3	40.0	10.96	10.87	10.84
Iron & Steel Foundries	1.8	1.8	2.1	390.02	369.72	352.23	40.5	39.5	39.8	9.63	9.36	8.85
Nonferrous Foundries	3.3	3.2	3.1	341.88	330.37	350.40	42.0	41.4	43.8	8.14	7.98	8.00
Fabricated Metal Products	28.3	28.6	27.9	405.66	392.89	386.16	42.3	41.4	41.3	9.59	9.49	9.35
Fabricated Structural Metal Prod.	11.5	11.5	10.6	394.28	393.86	368.34	41.9	41.9	40.7	9.41	9.40	9.05
Machinery Exc. Electrical	31.6	31.8	31.8	427.04	417.99	422.51	41.3	40.7	41.1	10.34	10.27	10.28
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	50.6	51.3	51.2	395.65	386.32	387.61	41.0	30.2	41.5	9.65	9.61	9.34
Transportation Equipment	70.5	67.7	72.5	INA	INA	622.84	INA	INA	46.0	INA	INA	13.54
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	30.5	27.5	33.9	681.97	621.72	660.18	47.0	44.0	48.4	14.15	14.13	13.64
Instruments & Related Prod.	11.5	11.5	11.9	320.04	301.85	324.82	42.0	40.3	40.2	7.62	7.49	8.08
Misc. Mfg. Inds.	6.9	6.9	7.0	243.46	244.44	279.34	38.4	38.8	41.2	6.34	6.30	6.78
Nondurable Goods	182.5	183.4	184.0	345.93	344.36	334.84	39.4	39.4	39.3	8.78	8.74	8.52
Food & Kindred Products	44.7	45.1	44.6	393.66	404.49	390.60	40.5	41.7	40.9	9.72	9.70	9.55
Meat Products & Preserved Fruits & Vegetables	12.4	12.5	11.8	271.26	286.71	269.50	39.6	40.9	39.4	6.85	7.01	6.84
Dairy Products	6.2	6.2	6.3	414.00	406.14	399.47	41.4	40.9	43.0	10.00	9.93	9.29
Grain Mill Products	7.1	7.1	7.2	433.67	465.80	443.98	41.9	45.4	43.4	10.35	10.26	10.23
Bakery Products	5.3	5.4	5.2	383.55	386.12	369.60	38.9	39.4	36.2	9.86	9.80	10.21
Beverages	10.1	10.0	10.0	587.45	586.37	590.59	37.9	38.2	41.3	15.50	15.35	14.30

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	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Other Food & Kindred	3.7	3.8	4.1	445.37	453.10	406.56	46.2	47.1	42.0	9.64	9.62	9.68
Textile & Apparel	23.7	23.7	24.3	188.70	195.21	177.41	34.0	35.3	33.6	5.55	5.53	5.28
Paper & Allied Products	13.6	13.6	13.2	394.25	377.34	395.66	41.5	40.1	43.1	9.50	9.41	9.18
Paperboard Cont. & Boxes	6.9	6.9	6.7	397.82	377.34	393.07	41.7	40.1	43.1	9.54	9.41	9.12
Printing & Publishing	40.3	40.1	40.1	402.00	399.12	381.79	40.2	39.4	38.8	10.00	10.13	9.84
Commercial Printing	13.1	13.0	12.9	455.82	451.61	445.13	42.6	41.7	40.8	10.70	10.83	10.91
Chemicals & Allied	28.8	29.6	29.1	479.64	467.40	480.47	42.0	41.0	43.6	11.42	11.40	11.02
Leather & Leather Products	18.1	18.0	19.2	198.20	199.47	189.54	36.5	36.6	35.1	5.43	5.45	5.40
Footwear Exc. Rubber	14.6	14.5	15.4	190.97	192.41	182.87	36.1	36.1	34.7	5.29	5.33	5.27
Total Nonmanufacturing	1612.8	1618.5	1609.8									
Mining	5.8	6.3	6.0									
Construction	78.4	83.2	82.1									
Transportation & Public Util.	132.7	132.6	135.2									
Railroad Transportation	12.1	12.1	13.4									
Transportation (Exc. R.R.)	68.6	68.3	69.4									
Communications	52.0	52.2	52.4									
Wholesale & Retail Trade	496.4	493.1	494.6									
Wholesale Trade	130.2	130.4	131.0									
Retail Trade	366.2	362.7	362.7									
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	115.2	114.9	113.8									
Services	439.5	442.1	433.7									
Government	344.7	346.3	344.4									
Federal Government	70.3	70.1	69.0									
State & Local Government	274.4	276.2	275.4									

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and the proportion of the population with jobs reached a new high of 60.4 percent. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 6.9 percent in December, not significantly different from November's 7 percent rate.

During the past year, total employment has grown by 2 million, but the unemployment rate dropped only slowly. About 3 million jobs were added to nonfarm payrolls during the year, including more than 1.2 million in service industries, 640,000 in retail trade, 380,000 in state and local government, 290,000 in finance, insurance, and real estate, 290,000 in construction, 190,000 in wholesale trade, and 110,000 in transportation and public utilities. Manufacturing employment fell by about 180,000 in the period.

The nation's production of goods and services increased at a 2.4 percent annual rate in the fourth quarter, which is near the average for the whole year. Part of this comparatively weak performance can be traced to a drop in inventory investment over the year, as real final sales grew at a somewhat more robust 3.6 percent rate.

Outlook

There seems to be some evidence of an increasing pace of economic activity, with retail sales and industrial production picking up in December. The resumption of low-interest-rate financing arrangements by auto makers probably played a large part in this.

The government's index of leading economic indicators showed a substantial gain in December, the eighth straight month in which this index designed to predict future economic change has increased. Although the performance of the index suggests continuing economic improvement, trade figures continue to show a flood of imports that will continue to cause problems for a number of industries.

In Missouri, January experiences the largest seasonal increase in unemployment and decrease in employment of any month. Although the unusually mild winter weather may well exert some limitation on this January's seasonal deterioration, a sharp runup in unemployment and decrease in employment should still be expected, with no improvement until March.

Table 3. Selected Economic Statistics Related To Manpower Developments Missouri — December, 1985

Item	Current Mo. (Preliminary)	1 Mo. Ago (Revised)	1Yr. Ago (Revised)	Net Change To Current Month From:	
				1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Civilian Labor Force (No. of Workers)	2,480,400	2,493,500	2,381,200	-13,100	99,200
Total Employed	2,327,500	2,343,900	2,213,400	-16,400	114,100
Total Unemployed	152,900	149,600	167,800	3,300	-14,900
Unemployment Rate (% of CLF)	6.2	6.0	7.0	0.2	-0.8
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment Except Domestics (No. of Jobs)	2,039,300	2,044,100	2,042,800	-4,800	-3,500
Manufacturing	426,500	425,600	433,000	900	-6,500
Durable Goods	244,000	242,200	249,000	1,800	-5,000
Nondurable Goods	182,500	183,400	184,000	-900	-1,500
Nonmanufacturing	1,612,700	1,618,500	1,609,800	-5,800	2,900
State Initial Claims (Wkly Avg.)	11,507	8,414	8,813	3,093	2,694
State Insured Unemployment (Wkly Avg.)	51,415	39,506	40,864	11,919	10,561
Insured Unemployment Rate	2.8	2.4	2.8	0.4	0.0
Exhaustions (State U.I.)	3,418	2,751	3,244	667	174
Amount of Benefits Paid	$19,651,874	$14,265,869	$13,641,958	$5,386,005	$6,009,916
State U.I.	19,264,514	13,960,343	13,333,015	5,304,171	5,931,499
UCFE	186,060	151,293	142,212	34,767	43,848
UCX	201,300	154,233	166,731	47,067	34,569

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Kansas City Labor Market Review

The Kansas City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Jackson, Cass, Clay, Lafayette, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Wyandotte, Leavenworth and Miami counties in Kansas. The 1980 population for the MSA has been published at 1,433,458 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

December, 1985

Franciena King, Analyst

Seasonal losses in Services and Construction and an early slowdown in holiday related hiring in Retail Trade held the Area's unemployment rate steady at 4.9 percent in December 1985. Over the month, civilian employment fell by 2,800, while the number of jobless persons climbed to 37,600, up by 500 persons. This month's increase contributed to the Area's highest unemployment since March 1985. Of the 2,800 workers who lost jobs over the month, 2,300 or 82 percent withdrew from the Area's labor force. The decline in the civilian labor force also marked only the third December in more than ten years that the Area has experienced a loss during the holiday shopping season; the other December losses occurred in 1981 and 1978. Despite the over-the-month losses, the Area's labor market showed improvement over last year's levels. The number of unemployed persons was down by 1,700 from December 1984 levels, while both civilian employment, up by 20,200, and the labor force, with a gain of 18,500, showed significant growth.

Wage and salaried employment in December 1985 was 678,500, down by 1,200 from the November 1985 total of 679,700. Continuing recent trends, the Area's major employment changes occurred in the Nonmanufacturing sector. Services employment was the largest loser over the period, with losses of 1,800 jobs, primarily in Recreation and Miscellaneous Services. Together these two industries accounted for almost half the total losses in Services. Construction employment fell by 600 jobs, as building and nonbuilding contract construction slowed slightly. Within State and Local Government, local schools experienced a temporary decline and contributed to a modest overall drop of 300 jobs in that sector. Slightly higher than average employment increases in Retail Trade during November apparently met most of the need for extra help for the Area's retail merchants. The additional loss of jobs due to one area retailer's cutbacks resulted in December's gains falling well below the average expected growth. Moderate employment increases were posted in Wholesale Trade, with 400 new jobs, Transportation and Utilities with 300 jobs, and Federal Government with 200 jobs. Overall, the Nonmanufacturing sector last 800 jobs over the month.

Employment changes within Manufacturing were minimal over the period. Overall manufacturing fell by 400 jobs, spread primarily among the durable goods manufacturing industries. Among the nondurable goods manufacturing industries, most held steady.

Wage and salaried employment increased by 3,900 from December 1984 to December 1985. Durable Goods Manufacturing gained 300 jobs over the year, while Nondurable Goods Manufacturing held steady. The bulk of the employment gains occurred in Nonmanufacturing, which added 3,600 jobs over the 12-month period. Only five industries recorded losses compared to December 1984 levels. The big loser was Retail Trade, which fell below year-ago levels by 1,900 jobs, despite the over the month gains. Moderate losses of 400 jobs were recorded in Primary Metals, and smaller losses were reported in Stone, Clay and Glass, Apparel and Food.

With a gain of 2000 jobs, Services topped the list of industries registering gains over 1984 levels. State and Local Government added 1,200 jobs, while the Federal Government showed a gain of 900 jobs. Finance, Insurance and Real Estate also added another 700 jobs over the period. Another four industries, Transportation and Utilities, Machinery, Chemicals and Electrical Equipment, together accounted for 1,300 new jobs.

Total unemployment on a place-of-residence basis was 37,600 in December 1985 for 4.9 percent of the labor force, compared to 37,100 in November 1985 for 4.9 percent of the labor force and 39,300 in December 1984 for 5.3 percent of the labor force.

Employment and Unemployment Forecast

The Area's unemployment rate is expected to rise by more than half a point in January 1986. Area retailers will lay off most of the temporary help hired during the previous two months. These losses, coupled with substantial declines in Construction and Services, will add more than 4,000 to the Area's jobless. The only expected increase in employment will be in Government as the seasonal hiring of federal tax processors accelerates. Unemployment is expected to be 5.5 percent of the labor force in January 1986, compared to 4.9 percent in December 1985 and 6.0 percent in December 1984.

Little improvement is expected in the Area's labor market in February 1986. Construction and Retail Trade will continue to decline, reaching their annual low points. Reported layoffs across several sectors will exacerbate the usual downtown experienced during this time of the year. Unemployment is expected to be 5.7 percent of the labor force in February 1986, compared to 5.8 percent in February 1985.

Kansas City Area-Missouri Job Service Statistics

Latest available data from the Employment Service Automated Reporting System (ESARS) indicated 30,084 applicants in the active file for Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area at the end of December 1985.

Breakdowns of the figure according to applicant characteristics are as follows:

General Characteristics		Per Cent
Age:	Under 22	16.3
	22-44	68.3
	45 and over	15.4
Sex:	Male	63.2
	Female	36.8
Racial or Ethnic Group		
	Black	29.9
	Other Non-White	1.0
	Hispanic	2.2

Miscellaneous Characteristics	Per Cent
Unemployment Insurance Claimants	48.4
Veterans	20.6
Handicapped	2.1

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 91, dated December 31, 1985.

Job Placements

During December 1985, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service Offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 5,902 and job placements totaled 1,455. There were 1,183 veteran referrals in December 1985, with 217 veteran placements. During November 1985, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service Offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 7,985 and job placements totaled 2,495. There were 1,517 veteran referrals in November 1985, with 288 veteran placements.

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 90, dated December 31, 1985.

Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed in the Kansas City Area (Missouri Side Only) December 1985

Insured Unemployed by Age and Sex

Age	Male Per Cent	Female Per Cent	Total Per Cent
Under 25	19.9	17.9	19.2
25-34	38.4	35.9	37.5
35-44	19.4	23.3	20.9
45-54	12.7	13.6	13.1
55-64	8.9	8.1	8.6
65 and over	0.6	1.1	0.8
Unreported	0.1	0.1	0.0

Insured Unemployed by Industry (SIC)

Industry	Per Cent
Agricultural	0.6
Mining	0.4
Construction	22.5
Manufacturing	26.7
Transportation, Communications & Utilities	5.5
Wholesale & Retail Trade	14.4
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	2.5
Services	24.4
All Other	2.9
Information not available	0.1

Insured Unemployed by Occupation (DOT)

Occupation	Per Cent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	10.3
Clerical	14.7
Sales	3.2
Services	10.7
Farming, Forestry & Fishing	0.9
Processing	1.9
Machine Trades	7.1
Benchwork	8.7
Structural Work	12.9
Miscellaneous	15.0
Information not available	14.6

The number of insured unemployed counted for the above percentages was 7,990; 5,038 were male and 2,952 were female.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)
(Benchmark — March 1984)

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas **Month and Year of Current:** December, 1985

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonagricultural Wage & Salaried Employment	678,500	679,700	674,600	1,200	+3,900
Total Manufacturing	120,500	120,900	120,200	-400	+300
Durable Goods	68,200	68,500	67,900	-300	+300
Lumber & Furniture	3,600	3,600	3,400	0	+200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	3,600	3,700	3,800	-100	-200
Primary Metal Industries	3,700	3,700	4,100	0	-400
Fabricated Metal Products	9,600	9,700	9,400	-100	+200
Machinery Except Electrical	8,000	8,100	7,700	-100	+300
Electrical Equipment & Supplies	21,000	20,900	20,700	+100	+300
Transportation Equipment	15,100	15,200	15,000	-100	+100
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(14,900)	(15,000)	(14,800)	(-100)	(+100)
Other Durable Goods	3,600	3,600	3,800	0	-200
Nondurable Goods	52,300	52,400	52,300	-100	0
Food & Kindred Products	9,900	9,900	10,000	0	-100
Apparel & Other Textile Products	2,400	2,500	2,600	-100	-200
Paper & Allied Products	5,400	5,400	5,400	0	0
Printing & Publishing	19,900	19,800	19,900	+100	0
Chemicals & Allied Products	9,100	9,100	8,700	0	+400
Petroleum & Coal Products	600	600	600	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	5,000	5,100	5,100	-100	-100
Total Nonmanufacturing	558,000	558,800	554,400	-800	+3,600
Mining & Quarrying	800	800	600	0	+200
Construction	28,100	28,700	28,100	-600	0
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	52,100	51,800	51,800	+300	+300
Wholesale & Retail Trade	174,000	172,900	175,900	+1,300	-1,700
Wholesale Trade	(53,900)	(53,500)	(53,700)	(+400)	(+200)
Retail Trade	(120,300)	(119,400)	(122,200)	(+900)	(-1,900)
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	50,500	50,400	49,800	+100	+700
Services	147,500	149,300	145,500	-1,800	+2,000
Government	104,800	104,900	102,700	-100	+2,100
Federal Government	(29,100)	(28,900)	(28,200)	(+200)	(+900)
State & Local Government	(75,700)	(76,000)	(74,500)	(-300)	(+1,200)
In Labor-Management Disputes	300	300	200	0	+100

Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Table 2. Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings in Manufacturing

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas **Month and Year of Current Data: December, 1985**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$464.80	$450.72	$473.67	41.5	40.9	43.1	$11.20	$11.02	$10.99
Durable Goods	496.05	481.03	516.97	41.2	40.8	43.7	12.04	11.79	11.83
Lumber & Furniture	279.55	291.46	324.86	36.4	38.4	42.3	7.68	7.59	7.68
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	490.64	501.60	490.05	39.6	40.0	41.6	12.39	12.54	11.78
Primary Metal Industries	465.37	467.58	426.49	41.7	41.6	39.6	11.16	11.24	10.77
Fabricated Metal Products	376.60	372.01	374.74	39.6	39.2	41.0	9.51	9.49	9.14
Machinery Exc. Electrical	444.52	445.63	424.91	41.7	42.2	40.7	10.66	10.56	10.44
Electrical Equip. & Supplies	488.03	487.56	506.60	40.5	40.8	44.4	12.05	11.95	11.41
Transportation Equipment	677.35	621.61	743.82	44.3	42.2	48.3	15.29	14.73	15.40
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(681.98)	(624.98)	(748.75)	(44.4)	(42.2)	(48.4)	(15.36)	(14.81)	(15.47)
Other Durable Goods	275.33	266.21	257.80	38.4	37.6	37.8	7.17	7.08	6.82
Nondurable Goods	412.44	399.34	401.74	42.0	41.0	42.2	9.82	9.74	9.52
Food & Kindred Products	428.65	426.67	440.68	44.1	43.9	43.5	9.72	9.71	10.13
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	187.96	184.08	183.58	34.3	33.9	33.5	5.48	5.43	5.48
*Paper & Allied Products	390.21	384.29	402.05	41.6	41.1	43.0	9.38	9.35	9.35
Printing & Publishing	427.58	415.72	419.21	39.3	38.0	40.7	10.88	10.94	10.30
Chemicals & Allied Products	567.15	533.08	493.58	47.7	45.1	45.2	11.89	11.82	10.92
Petroleum & Coal Products	416.51	380.33	460.80	42.2	39.7	45.0	9.87	9.58	10.24
Other Nondurable Goods	282.87	270.95	296.60	40.7	40.2	42.8	6.95	6.74	6.93

* This series excludes industry 2771.
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St. Louis Labor Market Review

The St. Louis Area includes the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Missouri; and Clinton, Madison, Monroe, St. Clair and Jersey Counties in Illinois. The 1980 population for the Area was stated as 2,376,998 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

December, 1985

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Area Labor Force Developments

The St. Louis MSA unemployment rate declined from 7.1% in November to 6.7% in December. The number of unemployed declined by 4100 while total employment rose 2800. Record high holiday retail trade job totals along with continued strong demand in construction and most service sectors helped bring the area's unemployment rate down to its lowest level of the year. The rate was 8.6% in January, 1985 and peaked at 8.8% in February. The 1985 average unemployment rate was 7.7%. In December, 1984, the unemployment rate was 7.3%. Over the year, unemployment declined 5300 and total employment rose 27,200. There were 400 labor disputants in December, 3400 in November and 200 in December, 1984.

Manufacturing

Manufacturing employment rose 2500 over the month. Motor vehicle employment increased 3100 as 3100 labor disputants returned to work after a November strike. The chemical industry, affected by early retirements and layoffs at one area chemical manufacturer, lost 700 workers. Further reductions in this industry are expected during the first half of 1986. Over the year, total manufacturing registered no employment change. Durable goods added 2500 workers as motor vehicles and aircraft continued to report significant growth over 1984 levels. Nondurables declined 2500 since December, 1984. Losses were reported by all major sectors except textiles and petroleum.

Nonmanufacturing

Nonmanufacturing employment declined 900 over the month. Most industries reported normal seasonal variations. Construction and services registered winter weather declines. Local government declined 800 as temporary

Illinois election workers, hired in November, were no longer employed after the November voting was completed. Retail trade added 3600 workers for the holdiay buying season. Over the year, nonmanufacturing added 7700 workers. Of the seven major sectors, three reported declines and four added employees. Services, up 7700, continued to register the largest employment increase over 1984.

Unemployment and Manpower Resources

State UI continued claimants in the MSA were up 3500 in December from November. In the Missouri portion of the MSA they were up 2300 and in the Illinois portion they were up 1200.

The distribution of weeks claimed by intrastate Missouri resident claimants by industry attachment is as follows:

Industry	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
INA	2	0	2	0
Agriculture	24	26	40	76
Mining	15	25	27	38
Construction	949	882	1566	2761
Manufacturing Total	3434	3056	3716	3588
Food	356	338	488	492
Textile	17	20	23	19
Apparel	216	195	152	143
Lumber	20	20	37	44
Furniture	98	69	89	76
Paper	98	85	90	94
Printing	128	143	163	148
Chemicals	274	284	323	249
Petroleum	21	23	21	27
Rubber	108	82	114	118
Leather	224	178	174	182
Stone	52	28	77	81
Primary Metal	128	100	154	155
Fabricated Metal	414	423	510	489
Machinery	93	89	106	119
Electrtical Machinery	252	317	396	346
Transportation Equip.	393	187	234	236
Instruments	16	20	31	20
Miscellaneous	524	453	541	549
Public Utilities	627	490	752	644
Wholesale & Retail Tr.	1904	1607	2252	2102
Finance	307	261	318	313
Services	5091	4308	5526	5265
All Other	277	247	289	300
TOTAL	12630	10902	14488	15087

Of the 15,087 intrastate Missouri resident claimants in December, 1985, 64.4 percent were male and 35.6 percent were female.

The occupational distribution of the intrastate Missouri resident claimant is:

Weeks Claimed (Reference Week)

Occupation	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Prof., Tech. & Mgr.	1720	1546	1855	1642
Clerical	2282	1931	2386	2204
Sales	547	470	634	546
Farm, Fish & Forest	73	67	103	204
Processing	242	236	316	298
Machine Trades	968	865	1129	1133
Bench Work	752	736	762	701
Structural Work	1186	1006	1445	1768
Misc. Work	1538	1333	1904	1975
Domestic	38	38	51	45
Other Services	1862	1569	2052	2038
INA	1422	1105	1851	2533
TOTAL	12630	10902	14488	15087

Applications in file and placements made during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1985 are distributed as follows:

	Female	Vets	-22	Min.	HDCP
Apps. in file, %	45.2	15.9	19.4	41.5	2.1
Placements, %	43.3	12.2	39.8	41.2	2.1

Available Job Oppportunties

The occupations percentage distribution of the openings received and filled during fiscal year 1986 by the Missouri State Employment Service is as follows:

Occupational Group	Openings Received Percent	Openings Filled Percent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	3.3	1.4
Clerical	14.9	11.3
Sales	14.7	15.9
Processing	1.3	1.5
Machine Trades	4.0	3.3
Bench Work	3.6	4.1
Structural Work	14.2	16.3
Motor Freight & Trans.	4.2	3.6
Packaging & Material Handling	8.9	11.1
Domestic	0.9	0.8
Other Services	28.9	29.5
Other Occupations	1.1	1.2

Unemployment Rate Outlook

The unemployment rate in January, 1986 is expected to be 7.6%.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)

Area and State: St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. Met. Area — Month and Year of Current: December, 1985

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary, Total	1,065,400	1,063,800	1,057,700	+1,600	+7,700
Percent Change				+(0.2)	+(0.7)
Manufacturing	228,500	226,000	228,500	+2,500	0
Durable Goods	146,800	143,700	144,300	+3,100	+2,500
Lumber & Furniture	5,300	5,300	5,000	0	+300
Stone, Clay & Glass	3,400	3,300	3,600	+100	-200
Primary Metal Industries	14,000	14,000	15,300	0	-1,300
Fabricated Metal Products	17,100	17,200	17,300	-100	-200
Machinery, Except Electrical	18,700	18,700	18,800	0	-100
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	15,400	15,400	15,200	0	+200
Transportation Equipment	59,500	56,500	55,700	+3,000	+3,800
Motor Vehicles	21,800	18,700	19,100	+3,100	+2,700
Aircraft & Parts	37,000	37,100	35,700	-100	+1,300
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	13,400	13,300	13,400	+100	0
Nondurable Goods	81,700	82,300	84,200	-600	-2,500
Food & Kindred Products	21,100	21,100	21,400	0	-300
Meat Products	1,500	1,400	1,400	+100	+100
Beverages	8,300	8,400	8,500	-100	-200
Textiles & Apparel	6,700	6,600	6,700	+100	0
Paper & Paper Products	5,700	5,700	5,900	0	-200
Printing & Publishing	16,300	16,300	16,600	0	-300
Chemical & Allied Products	19,900	20,600	20,500	-700	-600
Petroleum & Coal Products	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
Leather & Leather Products	4,700	4,700	5,100	0	-400
Other Nondurable Goods	4,900	4,900	5,600	0	-700
Nonmanufacturing	836,900	837,800	829,200	-900	+7,700
Mining	3,500	3,700	3,600	-200	-100
Construction	49,200	52,200	50,900	-3,000	-1,700
Transportation & Public Utilities	73,100	73,100	73,700	0	-600
Railroads	6,700	6,700	7,400	0	-700
Transportation, Except Railroads	38,700	38,700	39,200	0	-500
Communications & Public Utilities	27,700	27,700	27,100	0	+600
Wholesale & Retail Trade	256,900	253,200	255,000	+3,700	+1,900
Wholesale Trade	64,800	64,700	65,600	+100	-800
Retail Trade	192,100	188,500	189,400	+3,600	+2,700
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	64,700	64,400	62,900	+300	+1,800
Service, Except Domestic	252,400	253,300	244,700	-900	+7,700
Total Government	137,100	137,900	138,400	-800	-1,300
Total Federal Government	38,500	38,500	37,700	0	+800
Total State & Local Government	98,600	99,400	100,700	-800	-2,100
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	400	3,400	200	-3,000	+200

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Table 2. Average Hours & Earnings of Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing

Area and State: St. Louis Metropolitan Area **Month and Year of Current Data: December, 1985**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	INA	INA	$455.78	INA	INA	41.7	INA	INA	$10.93
Durable Goods	INA	INA	482.23	INA	INA	42.6	INA	INA	11.32
Lumber & Furniture	364.62	340.69	375.03	41.2	39.8	44.7	8.85	8.56	8.39
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	377.21	378.59	392.83	37.2	36.9	37.7	10.14	10.26	10.42
Primary Metal Industries	491.56	496.01	469.45	41.1	41.3	40.4	11.96	12.01	11.62
Fabricated Metal Products	443.16	429.48	418.18	42.9	41.9	41.2	10.33	10.25	10.15
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	471.23	460.94	459.06	41.3	40.9	42.0	11.41	11.27	10.93
Elect & Electronic Equip.	312.74	319.48	331.53	38.0	39.2	39.8	8.23	8.15	8.33
Transportation Equipment	INA	INA	629.28	INA	INA	46.0	INA	INA	13.68
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	308.00	305.33	299.49	38.5	38.6	39.2	8.00	7.91	7.64
Nondurable Goods	424.11	424.54	410.04	40.2	39.9	40.2	10.55	10.64	10.20
Food & Kindred Products	485.06	487.08	487.86	39.5	39.6	41.1	12.28	12.30	11.87
Textiles & Apparel	213.31	209.94	224.22	35.2	34.7	36.4	6.06	6.05	6.16
Paper & Paper Products	448.49	426.18	443.50	43.0	40.9	43.1	10.43	10.42	10.29
Printing & Publishing	415.54	427.49	393.95	39.5	39.4	38.1	10.52	10.85	10.34
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	503.71	496.36	476.86	42.4	42.1	42.2	11.88	11.79	11.30
Petroleum & Coal Products	665.28	664.22	607.89	44.5	44.4	42.9	14.95	14.96	14.17
Leather & Leather Products	190.10	193.68	189.19	35.4	35.8	35.9	5.37	5.41	5.27
Other Nondurable Goods	330.58	330.59	312.62	43.1	41.9	40.6	7.67	7.89	7.70

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Springfield Labor Market Review

(Greene and Christian Counties)

December, 1985

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Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

The Springfield MSA labor force, estimated at 121,800 in December, inched downward by 100 from the November level. Total employment fell 400 during the period to 116,000 in December. The number of unemployed persons rose 300 from November to reach 5,800 in December. The current jobless rate, estimated at 4.7 percent, is the lowest for any December since 1979 when 4.4 percent of the labor force was out-of-work.

During 1985, unemployment trended downward, employment increased approximately 3,600 and the civilian labor force expanded by approximately 3,200.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

The total number of payrolled jobs, estimated at 97,300 for December, fell 500 from November. Employment decreases occurred in manufacturing (-300) and construction (-500). Retail trade recorded a gain of 300 jobs during December in response to the Christmas season. The drop in construction reflects rather poor weather conditions that prevailed during much of December.

Some of the changes in employment levels of major industries during 1985 include. manufacturing, down 900; construction, up 200; transportation and utilities, down 400; trade up 300; services, up 1300; and government, up 100.

Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers decreased two cents from November to $8.93 in December. The average factory work week jumped 2.1 hours in December to reach 42.4 hours. The net result of influences pushed average weekly earnings up $26.89 from

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

(Place of Work)

(Benchmark — March, 1984)

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri **Month and Year of Current: December, 1985**

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonag. Wage & Salary, Employment (Exc. Domestics)	97,300	97,800	96,700	-500	+600
Manufacturing	18,500	18,800	19,400	-300	-900
Durable Goods	9,300	9,500	10,500	-200	-1,200
Lumber & Wood (Inc. Furn.)	1,000	1,000	900	0	+100
Other Durable Goods	8,300	8,500	9,600	-200	-1,300
Nondurable Goods	9,200	9,300	8,900	-100	+300
Food Processing	3,800	3,900	3,800	-100	0
Printing & Publishing	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	3,800	3,800	3,500	0	+300
Nonmanufacturing	78,800	79,000	77,300	-200	+1,500
Mining	100	100	100	0	0
Construction	3,600	4,100	3,400	-500	+200
Transportation & Utilities	5,800	5,800	6,200	0	-400
Trade	27,600	27,300	27,300	+300	+300
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,400	4,400	4,400	0	0
Services	24,300	24,300	23,000	0	+1,300
Government	13,000	13,000	12,900	0	+100
Federal	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0
State and Local	11,300	11,300	11,200	0	+100
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0

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November to reach $378.63 in December.

Since December 1984, average hourly earnings are up 58 cents, average weekly hours are up by 1.0 hours and average weekly earnings show an increase of $32.94.

Employment and Unemployment Outlook

Payrolled employment is expected to show a moderate drop in January. Job reductions will probably occur in durable goods manufacturing and retail trade, construction employment is not expected to show the normal decrease from December to January due to excellent weather for this time of year. The rate of unemployment is expected to move upward about seven-tenths of a percentage point to reach 5.4 percent of the labor force in January.

Table 2. Gross Average Hours and Earnings for Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing Industries

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri **Month and Year of Current Data: December, 1985**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	$378.63	$351.74	$345.69	42.4	39.3	41.4	$8.93	$8.95	$8.35
Durable Goods	349.44	339.70	325.22	41.6	39.5	40.2	8.40	8.60	8.09
Nondurable Goods	417.17	367.54	352.08	43.5	39.1	40.1	9.59	9.40	8.78
Food & Kindred Products	443.98	414.29	374.74	43.4	41.1	40.6	10.23	10.08	9.23
Other Nondurable Goods	402.38	343.14	321.48	43.5	38.0	37.6	9.25	9.03	8.55

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